

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING 502 EAST 9TH STREET DES MOINES IA 50319-0034

CERTIFICATION OF NATIVE PRAIRIE, WETLAND, OR WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

I (We) hereby request that the property described below be certified for property tax exemption under Chapter 427.1, 1991 Code of Iowa, and Iowa Administrative Code NRC 571--25. Included with this application is an aerial photo identifying the area to be exempted.

Legal Description:	Description: ¼ of the		¼ of Sec		
Township	Range		in	County, Iowa.	
Congressional Township Name:					
Size of area to be certified:			acres		
The area to be exempted is o	defined as (check one):				
□ Native Prairie	☐ Protected Wetland	Protected Wetland		Restored Wetland	
I (We) swear or affirm to be the legal owner(s) of the property described in this application and that the information provided herein is true and correct:					
(Landowner Signature)	(Date)	(Landown	er Signature)	(Date)	
PLEASE PRINT:			PLEASE PRINT		
(Landowner Name)		(Landown	er Name)		
(Address)		(Address)	(Address)		
(City/State/Zip)		(City/State	(City/State/Zip)		
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(Telephone Number)		(Telephon	(Telephone Number)		
CERTIFICATION FOR DNR USE ONLY I hereby certify that the property described above					
(Signature)		(Date)	(Name) Wile	dlife Biologist, Iowa DNR	
Comments:					

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DEFINITIONS

<u>Native Prairie:</u> Lands that have never been cultivated, are unimproved, and are natural or restored grasslands wherein at least fifty percent (50%) of the plant canopy is a mixture of grass and forb species which were found originally on Iowa's prairie lands. There are no acreage limits for this exemption classification.

<u>Wildlife Habitat:</u> Parcels of land of two acres or less which are devoted exclusively for use as habitat for wildlife and are protected from all other uses of any kind.

<u>Wetland:</u> An area of two or more acres in a natural condition that is mostly underwater or waterlogged during the spring growing season and is characterized by vegetation of hydric soils.

- A. <u>Protected Wetland:</u> A type 3, type 4, or type 5 wetland as described in Circular 39, Wetlands of the United States. A protected wetland does not include land where an agricultural drainage well has been plugged or land within a drainage district or levee district.
- **B.** Restored Wetland: A wetland that has been previously drained and cropped, but has been restored under a nonpermanent agreement with the DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, county or private conservation group.

Note:

Application for tax exemption must be filed with local assessor by:

Native Prairie February 1
Wetland February 1
Wildlife Habitat April 1

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